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ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE Minutes (Approved October 27, 2014)

The Advanced Practice Committee held a meeting on September 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Megan Williams, Jean Gallagher, Ron Castaldo (telephone), Sandy Elliott, Delphos Price (telephone), Robert McKennett, Leslie Verucci, Allen Prettyman

ABSENT: Cindy Cunningham, Cindy Drew, Candace Sandal, JoAnn Baker

GUESTS: Sarah Carmody, Executive Director, Delaware Nurses' Association

PRESIDING: Megan Williams

STAFF: Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. Dr. Zickafoose introduced Dr. Williams as one of the new APN members on the Board of Nursing who will now replace Mr. Price as chairperson of this committee. Members were also updated on additional new members to the Board of Nursing.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes from August 4, 2014 were reviewed. Mr. Castaldo recommended two changes on page 2 and Dr. Zickafoose will make these corrections. Mr. Price made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Ms. Verucci. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting with Brian Posey

Dr. Williams reminded the members that Mr. Posey was the AARP lobbyist in Dover however, he has accepted a new position at AARP as a post-acute care advocate for AARP representing DE and 13 other states. Dr. Williams reached out to the DE AARP and plans to meet with Lucretia Young to determine if there will be a new lobbyist selected. Members suggested the new lobbyist should attend these meetings to be fully immersed in the topic. Dr. Zickafoose stated she had a meeting with Pat Polansky from AARP Washington, DC and we need to communicate with them regarding the Consensus Model progress in DE. Ms. Gallagher added she went to a NAPNAP meeting and PA has a huge Campaign for Action with a marketing company and lobbyist. Their campaign is "Tell Me Why." Ms. Verucci mentioned an "I Can" campaign.

APRN Practice Barriers

Dr. Prettyman reviewed the article emailed to committee members and stated the examples demonstrate that each state had barriers to overcome and it seems as though what we are doing in DE is on target with how other states handled their issues. The summary paragraph on page 258 is very good and it ends stating there is a need to be accurate and succinct when sharing information with legislators. Dr. Prettyman agreed there is a lot of media available including what has been used from the NCSBN, although the general public is not really their audience. Dr. Zickafoose will order more legislative handouts from NCSBN including the Talking Points. Ms. Carmody asked if the League of Women Voters had been contacted and Ms. Elliott replied that M. Kloppenstein contacted them, adding that Judy Taggart is their lobbyist. Dr. Williams will contact her. Ms. Verucci agreed to contact the Organization of University Women.

Dr. Zickafoose informed members that Mr. Mangler sent a memo to all boards requesting legislation for next session must be submitted by November 14th. She described the approval process within the Division.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consensus Model Bill Revisions

Dr. Zickafoose revised the current bill to include strikethroughs and underlined new language as is required to submit for new legislation. This was shared with the Medical Society of Delaware at a meeting on October 4th. Mr. Price stated that Dr. Fan agreed to a task force to review the current bill and make recommendations. Mr. Price will follow up with Dr. Fan as time is of the essence.

Meetings with Stakeholders

Mr. Castaldo stated the DANA barbeque was attended by three legislators and about 20 people were there. All were willing to talk with us about the Consensus Model. Representative Walker offered to assist with the legislation in any way possible since she will not be running for election. Members discussed other people like Judy Hendricks who might also be helpful. Mr. Castaldo offered to contact Ms. Walker. Mr. Price stated it would be beneficial for her to go to a meeting with him when he talks with Senator Blevins again and he stated Ms. Walker may be able to assist with legislative language conducive to all stakeholders. Mr. McKennett reminded members that Ms. Walker could not lobby due to current statutory requirements after serving in the House. He then questioned if Mr. DiPietro could lobby on behalf of the bill and members discussed this option. Mr. Price stated that DANA is willing to support all efforts of the APN Committee and then he asked where were the funds coming from- DNA, DONL,....etc. Mr. McKennett suggested DANA take the "lions share" of funding. Dr. Williams asked about costs and members agreed to revisit this issue. DANA members will inquire with Mr. DiPietro. Ms. Elliott, Ms. Verucci, Mr. Castaldo and Mr. Price will reach out to various organizations.

Meeting with MSD

Mr. Price, Dr. Prettyman and Dr. Zickafoose met with the Government Affairs Committee of the MSD on September 8th and the meeting went exactly as expected. Dr. Prettyman gave the Consensus Model presentation and then committee members asked excellent questions. The Chair of the committee was adamant that the collaborative agreement should remain in place. Other members asked questions about insurance rates and liability issues. Dr. Fan suggested adding back some language that is currently in the statute. At the conclusion of the meeting members mentioned having a task force to work on the language in the bill. Mr. Price will facilitate getting the meeting scheduled. Ms. Verucci mentioned that the physician she works with suggested establishing some type of referral based collaboration for professional responsibility. Members discussed who could be physician champions for the bill. Ms. Elliott

mentioned she was invited to a lay midwives meeting at the MSD in the future. Mr. Price expressed kudos to Ms. Verucci because her collaborator was very well versed and spoke very highly of her. Dr. Prettyman added that Dr. Hal Kramer would be a good person to have on the task force because he is community based. Mr. Price will speak with Dr. Fan to schedule the task force meeting.

Legislative Outreach- Meetings with Legislators

Many legislators are campaigning now and turnover is anticipated. Members discussed door to door campaigns and some of the conversations held with legislators. Committee discussed need to educate newly elected legislators in November and December before the legislative session begins. Ms. Verucci stated she attended the Peach Festival and no legislators were present. She stated she was trying to figure out who was running and Dr. Zickafoose added that many signs do not provide specific information regarding district or political affiliation.

Statute and Regulations

The August 20th version of the statute is the most recent version and it was provided to the MSD. No more changes are recommended from the committee at this time. Therefore, the committee will start to review regulations next month.

OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only):

Ms. Elliott informed the committee that HB 319 is being reintroduced in January. She expressed concerns regarding whether the Consensus Model bill or the Midwives bill would be introduced first. J. Baker and Dr. Zickafoose were supposed to meet with Dr. Rattay and have not done so yet. Dr. Zickafoose will check with Ms. Baker on this. Dr. Zickafoose also asked the committee members to weigh in on an application for a nurse from PA with a Critical Care CNS license. She explained this is not a type of licenses available in DE since we implemented the Consensus Model language in rules. Members all agreed this person was not eligible for licensure and the AACN website stated additional education would be needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING – October 27, 2014 in Newark.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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